

REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 1, 9, 11, 15, 16, 24, 26 and 30 have been amended, and claims 3 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 4-12, 14-16, 19-27, 29 and 30 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 3, 9-12, 15, 18, 25, 27 and 30 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 3 and independent claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 18. Therefore, allowance of independent claim 1 and claims 4-12, 14 and 15 dependent thereon, and independent claim 16 and claims 19-27, 29 and 30 dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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